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III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic.....	Number of passengers INWARDS	Nil
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Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS	General cargo, including food produce, coal, cement, timber, oil and petroleum spirit.
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PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Abadan, Aden, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bombay, Curacao, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Flushing, Gibraltar, Genoa, Hampton Roads, Halifax N.S., Hamburg, Men-a-Ahmadi, Rotterdam, Rouen.

IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

V. WATER SUPPLY

No change.

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VII. SMALLPOX

All cases or suspected cases of smallpox may be sent to Lee Mill Hospital, Near Ivybridge, Devon.

Ambulances for the transport of such cases would be supplied by the Cornwall County Council who are also responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crew.

The smallpox consultants available are -

Dr.D.F.Johnstone,
The Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.
(Tel. Plymouth 4311 and 61437).

Dr. W.A.Lister,
7 The Crescent, Plymouth.

Specimens for laboratory diagnosis would be sent to The Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9. (Tel.Colindale 7041).

VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

No change.

IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	1	1

X. OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of Malaria has been observed during the past year.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Vessels are boarded by the Port Health Inspector as soon as possible after arrival, and unless the Masters produce recently issued certificates, inspections are extended to the hold, etc., in order to ascertain the rat population. Where indications of

rat infestation are found traps are set and poison baits are laid, and in cases where the deratting certificate has expired and indications of rodent infestation are found, the vessel is ordered to be fumigated.

Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological Examination of Rodents

Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents at the Royal Infirmary, Pathological Department, Truro.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements for deratting ships and methods used

Deratting of ships is normally carried out entirely by fumigation by hydrogen cyanide. The work is carried out by a commercial contractor, Fumigation Services Ltd., of London.

Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

Vessels are found to be largely rat-proof.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	15
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
HCN	Other fumigant (State Method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	-	-	3 (Sodium Fluroacetate)	5	72	77

XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	1,133	Nil	149	All notices complied with.
Re-visits	1,508	Nil	-	-
Total	2,641	Nil	149	

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

No change.

XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

Dr.Albert Cecil Dick, Port Medical Officer of Health.

Other Staff

None.

Organisation of Work and Nature and Amount of Alien Traffic

Falmouth is an approved Port under the Aliens Order for the landing of aliens but there is little or no aliens traffic in the Port. In the event, however, of aliens arriving arrangements would be made for medical inspection to be carried out on board. It has not been thought necessary to make any special arrangements for providing accommodation for medical inspection and examination ashore.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No change.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To:

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1958.

SHIP INSPECTION

During the year 1,133 vessels were inspected and 149 of them were found to have nuisances or defects on board.

Vessels on entering the Port are visited as soon as possible and enquiries made concerning the health of the crew, the occurrence of any sickness during the voyage, the condition of the water supply tanks and bilges and the presence of animals or parrots on board. The Deratting or Deratting Exemption Certificate is inspected and if found to be in order I am accompanied by a Ship's Officer to examine the sanitary condition of the vessel. During the inspection I point out any defects or nuisances and suggest the remedy to be adopted. The shipping companies are always ready and willing to remedy any such defects or nuisances which have been brought to their notice.

It was not necessary to serve any statutory notices. Verbal and informal notices were given, as a result of which all the nuisances and defects were remedied before the vessels left the Port again. 1,508 re-visits were made in connection with nuisances and defects, rat destruction etc.

Dirt, Vermin and other Conditions Prejudicial to Health

Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health and structural defects caused through wear and tear such as dirty and/or verminous crews' quarters, foul water closets, choked scuppers, dirty food and clothes lockers accounted for the majority of the nuisances.

Various methods are adopted to free the vessels from vermin, disinfection being carried out by pressure spraying an insecticide, fumigation by Hydrogen Cyanide, Gammaxine or D.D.T.

Structural Defects caused through Wear and Tear

Defective port frames and linings, broken glasses, defective water closets, leaky deck heads and defective heating apparatus, bunks and lockers were responsible for the greater number of this type of defect. Other defects dealt with were defective showers, water service pipes and floors and leaky sky-lights.

FOOD INSPECTION

No imported foodstuffs are discharged within the Port Health District. Food on vessels intended for ships' provisions are inspected by officers of the Ministry of Transport.

The only food coming under the Authority's notice is food intended for ships' provisions and temporarily landed into store while a vessel is undergoing repair.

Food condemned and disposed of for purposes other than human consumption were 933 lbs Beef, 554 lbs Mutton, 494 lbs Pork, 55 lbs Veal, 162 lbs Bacon, 343 lbs Offals, 110 lbs Sausages, 256 lbs Fish, 66 lbs Cooked Meats, 88 lbs Butter and Margarine, 46 lbs Tripe, 28 lbs Rabbits, 59 lbs Poultry, 113 lbs Cheese, 648 lbs Fruit and 73 lbs Vegetables -

Total 1 ton 15 cwts 1 qr 24 lbs.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

No Rodent Control Certificates were issued to Coasting vessels under this Act. It has been found that since the introduction of a charge for these certificates, most coasting vessels now prefer to have the international certificate as there is little difference in the charge and the international certificate is, of course, valid should the vessel make a foreign

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No action necessary.

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